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To: Foreign Minister TOGO
From: Ambassador Nomura

(Strictly confidential. Ambassador's Code.)

/62/ I have already wired you about my present position. I am sure that I, too, should go out with the former cabinet. I know that for some time the Secretary of State has known how sincere I was, yet knew how little influence I have in TOKYO. I hear that the President also holds the same opinion. There are some Americans who trust me and say that I am the hope for preventing disaster, but, alas, their encouragement is not enough. Among my countrymen here in the UNITED STATES there are also some who feel the same way, but it is a superstitious misunderstanding.

/63/ As for Your Excellency's instructions, WAKASUGI can carry them out fully. Nor do I imagine that you all have any objections at the /Foreign/ Ministry when I am already done with. I don't want to continue this hypocritical existence, deceiving other people. Please do not think I am trying to flee from the field of battle, but as a man of honor this is the only way that is open for me to tread. Please send me your permission /to return to JAPAN/. Most humbly do I beseech your forgiveness if I have injured your dignity and I prostrate myself before you in the depth of my rudeness.

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昭和十六年十月廿二日新華府 省
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野村大使

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ENTRY FROM MARQUIS HIDO's DIARY, 29 October 1941.

29 October 1941 - (Wednesday) Clear

At 8:30 Chutaro called on me.

At 9 a.m. General Suzuki, President of the Planning Board called on me, reported on the progress of the liaison conference /Renraku Kaigi/ and we had a talk. Mr. HARA, President of the Privy Council, visited me at 10:30 a.m., to consult about the recommendation to the Throne of Mr. Seihin IKEDA as a member of the Privy Council. At 11:30 a.m. I heard from Premier TOJO of the progress of the liaison conference, the extension of the Anti-Comintern Pact and our maneuvers vis a vis Yen Hsi-Shan. The Chief Aide-de-camp visited me at 12:45 p.m., and we talked about the latest political situation. Had an audience with His Majesty from 1:15 to 1:55. The Juichi-Kai /T.N. Literally: The Party of Eleven/ was held to exchange views regarding the recent political situation. Those present were Prince KONOYE, HIROFATA, URAMATSU, OKABE, KUROKI, SAKAI, ODA and YANAGISAWA.

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昭和十六年十月二十九日(水)晴

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午前八時半忠太郎様御来訪

九時鈴木總裁来訪連絡會議、模様ヲ聴キ懇談ス

十時半原杞相来室池田成彬氏ヲ顧問官ニ奏請云々、話アリ

十一時半東條首相ト面談連絡會議、経過防共協定、延長固
工作等ニツキ話ヲ聴ク

十二時四十五分侍從長来室最近政情ニツキ懇談ス

一時十五分ヨリ同五十五分迄拜謁ス

十一会ヲ催ス近衛公廣幡、東松岡即黒木酒井鐵田柳沢
ノ諸君来会最近政情ヲ中心ニ意見ヲ交換ス

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To: Ambassador Nomura

From: Foreign Minister Togo

Despatched: 2 November 1941, 6:15 p.m.
Telegram 722 (Ambassador Telegram)

Since the formation of the new Cabinet, the Government has been holding conferences for a number of days with the Imperial Headquarters. We have carefully considered and discussed a fundamental policy for the improvement of relations between Japan and America, but we expect to reach a final decision at the meeting in the presence of the Emperor, on the morning of the 5th, and will let you know the result immediately. This will be our government's last effort to improve diplomatic relations. The situation is very grave. When we resume negotiations, every aspect of the situation makes it urgent that we reach a decision at once. This is to be strictly kept only for your information. Now we trust your most prudent attitude towards handling everything before we take up the negotiations once more in the very near future.

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二月二十日
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野村大使

政府は閣下不本達日に互に大分管解読會議を開設し、本國文
調整上関する根本方策を慎重審議中なり。右日米二日御前
會議に於て決定を見る豫定に、其結果は専ら貴大使に相違ない
然政府は右を以て國交調整の最後即試みと行次案に、する意
願を言明するものあり。大分沙用始り上は諸般の情勢上極力、急迫
に急結を要する儀なるに付、右際には貴大使より何れも中斷を
為さず、右新術を控へ居る際万事に慎重を期せられ度し。

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